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SUMMARY: TRIAL OF TILL MEYER WHICH HAS BEEN SEPARATED FROM
REST OF 2 JUNE MOVEMENT DEFENDANTS' TRIAL HELD ITS FIRST SESSION
12 JULY AND DEALT ONLY WITH PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS. END SUMMARY

1. AS REPORTED REFTTEL, AFTER TILL MEYER'S ESCAPE THE TRIAL
AGAINST HIM WAS SEPARATED FROM THE MAIN TRIAL AGAINST THE 2
JUNE MOVEMENT DEFENDANTS. THE FIRST SESSION WAS HELD ON 12 JULY,
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AND AS DESCRIBED BELOW, DEALT ONLY WITH PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS.

2. FOR THIS TRIAL, MEYER HAS CHOSEN AS HIS DEFENSE
COUNSEL WOLFGANG PANKA. DETLEV MUELLERHOFF, FORMERLY
MEYER'S DEFENSE COUNSEL OF CHOICE IN THE 2 JUNE MOVEMENT
TRIAL (AND WHO WAS AT ONE TIME SUSPECTED OF COMPLICITY IN
MEYER'S ESCAPE) HAS FILED A MOTION WITH THE COURT FOR HIS WITHDRAWAL

FROM THE DEFENSE ON THE GROUNDS
THAT HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS CLIENT HAS BEEN UNALTERABLY
DAMAGED BY THE ALLEGATIONS BROUGHT AGAINST MUELLERHOFF IN
CONNECTION WITH MEYER'S ESCAPE.

3. IN THE COURSE OF THE FIRST SESSION, PANKA FILED
SEVERAL MOTIONS, INCLUDING A MOTION FOR SUSPENSION OF
THE TRIAL UNTIL FULL EXPLANATION HAS BEEN OBTAINED CONCERNING
THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF MEYER'S TRANSFER FROM BULGARIA TO
BERLIN. TILL MEYER HIMSELF MADE A DECLARATION AND
REQUESTED THAT THE TRIAL BE DISCONTINUED BECAUSE HE
"HAD BEEN ABDUCTED FROM BULGARIA BY GERMAN OFFICIALS WHICH
CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW." THE COURT
REJECTED THIS MOTION AS WELL AS ALL OTHERS ADVANCED BY PANKA.
THESE OTHER MOTIONS WERE REPETITIONS OF MOTIONS PUT FORWARD
BY THE DEFENSE IN THE MAIN TRIAL.

4. AFTER ABOUT THREE HOURS, MEYER ANNOUNCED THAT HE
WAS NO LONGER ABLE TO FOLLOW THE PROCEEDINGS AND RE-
QUESTED TO BE EXCUSED FROM THE SESSION. WHEN THE
PRESIDING JUDGE SHOWED RELUCTANCE TO GRANT THIS REQUEST,
MEYER THREATENED TO DISTURB THE SESSION. MEYER MADE
GOOD HIS THREAT AND AFTER INSULTING THE PRESIDING JUDGE,
HE WAS EXCLUDED FROM THE SESSION BY THE PRESIDING JUDGE.

5. THE NEXT SESSION OF TILL MEYER'S TRIAL WAS SCHEDULED
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